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NOTES ON THE NEW ACOUSTIC EVIDENCE:

A Statement by the AIB

The appearance of strong scientific evidence that shots were fired at the presidential motorcade from two different directions is an event of great historical importance and grave political implications. As a member of the community of Warren Commission critics, the AIB wishes to make three simple points about the new situation.

(1)- The HSCA's "Findings and Recommendations" report, due January 3, should call loud and clear for the formal re-opening of the investigation -- a Department of Justice task force or a special prosecutor along Watergate lines might be the most logical course.

(In the King case as well, the HSCA found strong indications of conspiracy. The committee should therefore call also for the re-opening of the King case by the Attorney General.)

(2)- It is clear from the performance of every governmental body that has so far taken an interest in the JFK case that the government by itself is not prepared to act aggressively in the pursuit and development of conspiracy leads. Therefore, in any future investigation, a way should be found by which the critical community can carry out regular reviews of the direction and progress of work. This of course poses a procedural problem: How can the contribution of the independent critics be formalized without compromising either the critics' independence or the investigators' occasional need for secrecy? But time after time, the only real movements that have come about in this case have been the direct or nearly direct result of activity by the independent critics. (E.g., the committee was introduced to the acoustic tape by a critic, the Bronson film was found by critics working with a journalist, etc.) Thus, the difficulty of finding a way around this obstacle should not blunt the attempt to do so.

(3)- Many media voices have lately been saying that there is no evidence of a front shot besides the acoustic tape. This impression has been created by the HSCA hearings, but that is simply a result of Chief Counsel Blakey's decision to adopt a prosecutorial outlook on the case. It does not reflect the real lay of the evidence. A front shot is indicated by the Zapruder film, the Muchmore film, possibly the newly rediscovered Bronson film, and scores of eyewitnesses to the assassination. That the HSCA and the major media failed to acknowledge this evidence is certainly a fact, but that does not mean that the evidence is not there.
